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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.
The question frequently comes up as to whether or not people generally are as willing to work as formerly. From indications in many directions and the conclusions drawn by speakers and writers, one is pretty safe in saying that the general tendency in all classes of people is to avoid hard labor as much as possible. It seems not to be a common thing for people to labor hard now-a-days just because they delight in toil.

THE COMMONWEALTH is glad to note the opening of the Pittman Sanitarium at Tarboro. It was formally opened Monday of last week, says the Southerner, and what the visitors saw made a most favorable impression on them. Already eight or ten rooms had been occupied, and the patients who could be seen by the visitors spoke in high praise of the management.

Mrs. Nannie R. Pender is the mother and Miss Gray is nurse with some assistants. It is an enterprise that Tarboro, Edgemont and adjacent counties ought to feel great interest in. It will be quite a convenience to all this region and a great blessing in more ways than one. We hope to see it fully sustained.

In the last issue of The Outlook extended reference was made to the Brick Agricultural School near Enfield, in this county. It states that the school was founded six years ago by Mrs. Julia E. Brick, and named in memory of her late husband Joseph Keasey Brick, of New York. It is a school for the education of the colored children, and a partial description of the school is given as follows: "The school farm of eleven hundred acres, almost a wilderness at first, has been made one of the best in the State, and in doing it an immense amount of labor has been laid out in clearing, fencing, ditching, roads, bridges, grading, tree planting, and building." The enrollment is said to have grown from a handful to over 200 and some have walked a hundred miles to enter the school.

Free rural delivery is gaining favor with the public very rapidly. Congressman Pou of the Fourth district has interested himself for such mail facilities in his district, and the result is the Government has sent a special agent to Raleigh to investigate the proposed routes in Wake county. The people doubtless will be greatly benefited by the system wherever it is carefully and successfully operated. Few things have claimed the attention of the Government that tend more towards raising the standard of intelligence in the country concerning current events.

By the aid of the free delivery system the people in the rural districts will have mails brought to their doors, and this will be an inducement to many to read much more than when mail facilities are poor.

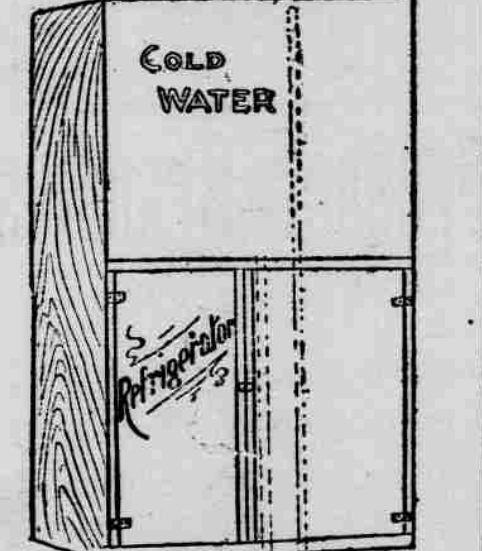
Good manners and a due consideration for the feelings and tastes of other people are highly commendable in any one.



WATER REFRIGERATOR.

Its Designer Claims That for Ordinary Farm Purposes It Has Advantages Over Ice.
For the last two years I have used a homemade water refrigerator in the farmhouse which has some advantages over ice. It saves the expense of putting up ice; saves labor of getting it out and putting it into the refrigerator. It is purer than ice, and furnishes drinking water of guaranteed quality, which is better for the health than ice water. Director Sage, of this state, makes a strong point against putting ice into a refrigerator and then breaking off a little to put in drinking water—this on the score of health.

The water used comes from a deep drilled well, which is curbed with water-tight and air-tight gas pipe from top to bottom so no insects or



REFRIGERATOR OUTLINE.

seepage water can possibly get into it. Northern Iowa is blessed with this kind of wells, and pure, uncontaminated water is the first thing to secure on any farm.

The windmill sends it first to the tank in the top of the refrigerator through the short pipe, indicated by dotted lines, the overflow runs back through the other pipe and goes to the stock water tank. The water is needed for stock, so none of it is wasted. It is also needed at the house, and faucets permit its being taken out at the house as desired. It is cool and pure, and can be drawn out in pantry, dining-room or kitchen, or all, as desired. Shelves in the lower part hold the milk, butter, fruit and whatever else is desired to be kept cold, and the wife does not have to go down cellar after butter, nor to the well for water, nor the men of the house have to get ice for which he has no need.

The tank I use is four feet high, three feet wide and one foot thick, and made of galvanized steel. A cupboard-like structure without shelves in the upper portion affords a good place to locate this tank, and the windmill will do the rest. The pipes run underground from well to house, in a trench six feet deep, so as to be free from frost. A stopcock at the pump allows the water to be sent to the house where desired, or direct to the stock tank without first passing through the house tank.—E. C. Bennett, in Orange Judd Farmer.

HINTS FOR DAIRYMEN.

The good dairy cow is not always the fat and sleek one. Sudden changes in feed will cause the cows to shrink in milk. Proper feed shows the breed in dairy cows at milking time. Ice-cold water is certain aid in diminishing the flow of milk from a cow.

A tin vessel containing milk is much preferable to crocks or stoneware vessels. A good remedy for swollen teat on a milk cow is equal parts of glycerin and lobelia.

Webster does not, in his definition of butter, allude to oleomargarine as a butter product.

Don't feed the skim milk to the calf soon. Heat milk to about 90 degrees before feeding.

The separator on the farm removes the possibility of rearing a stunted calf on skim milk.

TOLD OVER THE TEACUPS.

An Indian and a Russian woman are among the graduates of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania this year.

Every year shows an increase in the number of women who in traveling employ valets, instead of maids. The valet acts as a courier and attends to the luggage.

The inauguration of the monument to Rosa Bonheur, which has not been, like most monuments, raised by subscription, but erected by a private individual, took place recently at Fontainebleau.

Turkish women, it is said, are becoming more independent every year. Despite of orders to cover the face in public, many boldly let their veils fall aside and keep them off altogether when entering a shop.

There are hundreds of women connected with the newspapers of the land as literary, dramatic and art critics, society and general reporters, but the honor of being the only woman city editor is said to belong to Mary M. Lee, of the Titusville (Pa.) Herald.

Miss Rebecca Page Knox, daughter of the United States attorney general, is a pretty brunette of 20, and is described by her father as a "level-headed girl." Miss Knox has spent much of her time in study and travel. She is the constant companion of her father in their home life and they are spoken of as comrades.

The advent of two Moorish women from the grand vizier's harem, who have accompanied the deputation from the sultan of Morocco to King Edward, is quite a matter of moment. We know little of our sisters in Morocco, for the Moor, in the olden days, still jealously guards his women relations from contact with the outside world.

Mrs. Louis Botha, wife of the Boer commandant, vindicates women against the aspersion that they cannot keep a secret. The most experienced diplomatist was never more discreet than this lady. During her stay in London she has been besieged by interviewers and bombarded with letters. But not a soul has the least idea of what is passing through her mind. And she has enjoyed shopping in Regent street as if she had not a care in the world.

WHAT WE ARE TOLD.

In India and Persia sheep are used as beasts of burden. Belfast is the richest and most populous city in Ireland.

The price of medicine in Prussia is regulated by the state. A six months' cruise will decrease the speed of a ship 15 per cent.

There are 11,700 hotels in Paris, in which there are on an average 240,000 guests.

Backwoodsmen of China still use the bow and arrow as a weapon and do very effective work with it.

Most civilized nations begin the day at midnight; astronomers and navigators since the time of Ptolemy begin it at noon.

On some of the foreign steamship lines the captains are naval officers, and, in case of war, would retain their commands.

The Arabic vernacular furnishes a singular illustration of the popularity of war in the east. It has over 50 names for the sword.

Remonstrating with policemen, cab drivers and street car conductors is a serious offense in Austria, as all those persons are rated as public officers, to insult whom means imprisonment and fine.

FOOTLIGHT NOTES.

The Paris theaters give away an average of 8,500 free tickets daily. London people spend on an average seven shillings a year in theater tickets.

It is said that Pietro Mascagni, the Italian composer, has signed a contract for an eight weeks' tour in this country with an Italian orchestra, beginning early in the fall, for which he is to receive \$90,000.

Mme. Melba is a great lover of the River Thames, and for the third year in succession has taken a charming little house at Marlow, above London, in the Quarry Woods, with a lawn which runs down to the Thames.



ROAD & FARM IMPROVEMENT.

Simple System of Irrigation Successfully Introduced in the Arid States of the Far West.

Along the line of many irrigation canals, large tracts of land are often found which have a decided fall, or are rolling. Where this occurs, the tracts, the expense of terracing is generally too great for the average farmer, and a system whereby the distribution of water can be assured which is suited to the contour of the ground must be devised. On land sloping similarly as shown by the plan herewith, the water enters the distributing ditches at the upper left-hand corner, and dividing, flows through these into the still smaller ditches, from which it is turned laterally into furrows. Little dams or temporary obstructions of earth check its flow from point to point.

After water flows out upon a field, any surplus is caught by small



SIMPLE SYSTEM OF IRRIGATION.

trenches shown in the figure as trending diagonally toward the right-hand lower corner. From these trenches the water can be turned upon the lower fields so that the excess or seepage is not wasted, but is employed on the less elevated tracts.

Canvases are generally employed in checking the waters over the field, as they are most convenient. The following description will enable anyone to construct them, and will also explain their use. The materials used in the construction of a canvas dam are a piece of timber, usually a two by four scantling, long enough to reach across the top of the ditch from bank to bank; a small stick varying in length according to the width of the ditch to be dammed, but no longer than will lie across the bottom of the ditch without leaving any considerable space between the stick and the bottom; a brace or stick about one-third longer than the depth of the ditch and a piece of canvas about one-third wider than the depth of the ditch and as long as the width of the ditch at the upper edge. The canvas is cut into a trapezoidal shape, somewhat resembling but larger than a section of the ditch. The long edge of the canvas is fastened to the cantling first described and the short edge to the small stick. It is well to have a little margin of the canvas below this short stick.

The dam is placed by throwing the scantling across the ditch just below the point at which it is desired to divert the water. The canvas rests in the ditch, with the short stick lying across the bottom, far enough up stream from the location of the scantling to make the canvas nearly tight. The brace is placed with one end against the scantling and the other against the short stick, thus preventing the canvas from being washed back under the scantling.

A little earth is thrown upon the loose edges of the canvas, where it rests against the banks and against the bottom of the ditch, and the water is turned in. The weight of the water presses the canvas against the banks, so that there is scarcely any leakage. In some cases permanent dams with head gates are placed in the ditches and this is often done where ditches branch and it is desirable to divert the water to one or the other branch.—W. J. Blanchard, in Farm and Home.

Keeping Roads in Condition.
Fred Grundy, in Farm and Fireside, tells us he has been watching "road-keepers" care for ten miles of black earth road, and he has kept it in good condition, not by macadamizing it or by covering it with crushed stone, but by providing good drainage, by tile in most places, to take the water off, and by digging out some of the worst places about 15 inches deep and filling with broken brick, tile, coal, cinders or whatever will make a firm foundation, and allow water to drain through. Then if the roads are founded up to allow the water to run off and they get a little attention after every rain, they are easily kept in good condition. The results are much better and the cost much less than they were for the annual turnout of the district to mend, or often to make worse the roads, the job being expected to be done until the same season comes around another year.

Wood Ashes as Fertilizer.
Wood ashes give the best results on pasture land, orchards, small fruits and on clover. To purchase wood ashes is a risk, as it is difficult to procure two lots alike in composition, while exposure to rains may cause loss of potash by leaching. If one has ashes it will pay to use them, as they contain both lime and potash, but it will be found better and cheaper to purchase potash in the forms sold by fertilizer manufacturers than to buy ashes on the market.

Quaker Reflections.
Winks sometimes speak louder than words. It's an ill wind that blows the doctor good.

Some people who buy spring lamb have the wool pulled over their eyes. The rate at which some people live is only regulated by the question of how much credit they can get.

"Here is a coin," said the collector, "that I am sure is valuable, but it is so old and worn that I cannot tell what it is." "Can't make head or tail of it, eh?" remarked the man who wasn't much interested in antiquities. —Philadelphia Record.

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Oh, but I wish that I could go to the city to stay awhile. Where they've got them 'lectrical fans to blow. And kin live in a decent style. Where there's nothin' to do and sights to see.

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Takin' things easy—that's the trick That's hardest of all to learn; This world keeps stepping along so quick An' dodgin' at every turn. That we close our ears to the lazy song That summer is singin' the whole day long. An' we get to thinkin' it's wholly wrong To be takin' things easy.

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IN THE REALM OF POETRY.

Courage.
Courage! Best partner of our joys and woes, Even in the darkest hour of earthly ill, Never undimmed, thy welcome beacon glows. With each pulse, and beats with every thrill! Bright o'er the wasted scene thou hoverest still. Angel of comfort to the falling soul, Undaunted by the tempest wild and chill, Whose angry and disastrous billows roll, And taint what thou hast done with death and dole!

When sorrow rends the heart with feverish pain, And wrings hot drops of anguish from the brow, To soothe the soul, to cool the burning brain, O, who so welcome and so true as thou! The battle's blood-dimmed scene and angry glare— The death-encircled pillow of distress— The lonely moment of secluded woe— Alike thy guidance and thy worth con- sider.

Ver Mother,
What'd yer do without yer mother? How'd yer know what things was right? What'd yer do w'en yer was frightened? Who'd yer have to pray for at night? How'd yer keep yer clothes together? How'd yer dast ter hev a sick, Et that wadn't no ma ter help yer, What could fix yer up right quick?

There's sometimes yer ma she licks yer, (Though perhaps yer oughter be, P'raps yer been a-makin' faces, Or a-fightin' with Bob Lee); But yer wouldn't trade yer mother— No fer more'n a dose of farm, Fer thar's nuthin' dast ter touch yer W'en yer in yer mother's arms.

An' one time I knowed a feller What jee didn't have no ms— Don't it seem like that was awful? Oh, course, he ar p'ly, But th' p'as ain't mas, no sircel! W'en a feller's feelin' bad; An' I reck'n I'd be lonesome Ef a pa wad I had. —Detroit Free Press.

The Plains of Peace.
"Give me the heights of fame, The hills most high; And let me write my name Across the sky!" Thus in the night I heard The voice of one Whose heart and soul were stirred To reach the sun.

Anon, across the years, He told him cry: "O give me back the fears, The hopes gone by!" "The lowly ways were best, The vale and glen, Where I could toil—and rest With other men."

"The heights of fame are sweet, That humble, glad retreat, Beneath the hill." —Charles Hanson Towne, in Youth's Companion.

Longing.
Oh, for a breath of the pure, fresh air That blows through the country lane; Oh, for the wild, sweet freedom where They gather the golden grain— Oh, out at the Un-De's, Where the sky spreads broad and blue, Where the cream is thick in the shining pans, And there's the joy in the work men to.

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